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1. French statement on Indochina urged--The Department of State has asked US Embassy Paris to make "strong oral representations" to the French pointing to the urgent need for a public statement regarding the evolutionary nature of French agreements with the three new states in Indochina and emphasizing that the purpose of the agreements is to establish ultimately the complete sovereignty and independence of the three new states within the French Union. The Department points out that US attempts to gain recognition by non-Communist Asian regimes for these states, which is considered a matter of prime importance, have met with limited success because most Asian countries continue to view the new regimes as "French puppets." In the Department's opinion, much greater Asian support would become possible after such a French announcement. The Department believes that, without such a statement, French accomplishments and intentions in Indochina may be "tragically misunderstood," both in Asia and throughout the Western world.
2. German membership in European Council predicted--US High Commissioner McCloy in Bonn reports that all the evidence available there indicates that the Bundestag will approve German associate membership in the Council of Europe whether or not the recent conditions proposed by Chancellor Adenauer to the Allied High Commission are met. McCloy transmits the view of spokesmen of the opposition Socialist Party (SPD) that: (a) their party's position will not affect the outcome of the Bundestag vote; and (b) the SPD will send representatives to the Council of Europe if Germany becomes a member. McCloy expresses the opinion that the lack of press comment on Adenauer's proposal to the

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High Commission reflects an awareness among the news-paper editors of the widespread desire in the Federal Republic to "have Germany enjoy the distinction" of membership in the European Council.

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3. GERMANY: Suggestions on all-German electoral law--  
US High Commissioner McCloy in Frankfurt proposes that the High Commissioners of the three occupation powers be authorized to issue a communique giving "full support" to the recent public proposals of the Federal Republic in regard to all-German elections. McCloy suggests that the proposed communique include a statement of Western willingness to deal with the Soviet Control Commission for the sole purpose of framing a law to govern elections to an all-German constituent assembly. McCloy expresses the view that, although the principle of a constituent assembly (to draft an all-German constitution) was not put forward by the Western Powers at the last meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers, such an assembly would "in no way endanger" the west German basic law. McCloy believes that it is of paramount importance to the USSR to legitimize the east German regime and expresses the view that the proper timing of the proposed Western offer of an all-German electoral law could interfere with the Kremlin's timetable in legitimizing the east German regime.

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4. **CZECHOSLOVAKIA: US attitude toward future relations**--

The Department of State, in response to estimates that the Czech Government is considering making a major attack against principal Foreign Ministries, has authorized Ambassador Briggs in Prague to attempt as soon as possible a comprehensive and forthright survey of US-Czech relations with the new Czech Foreign Minister. Briggs is to indicate to the Czech Foreign Minister that the US would be obliged to act in its own protection if the Czechs ignore accepted diplomatic standards and disregard American rights. The Department informs Briggs that, if his representations have no effect in deterring the Czechs from taking some drastic step against the US, retaliatory measures against Czechoslovakia will probably become necessary. The Department also authorizes the Ambassador to discuss the possibility of a tripartite approach along these lines with the British and French Ambassadors and to inform them that the US will act unilaterally if a tripartite course is not possible.

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